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MAJOR GENERAL RUSSELL L. VITTRUP NAMED AS ARMY CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Designation of Major General Russell L. Vittrup as Chief of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Army, effective August 10, was announced today by Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker.

General Vittrup, currently Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, U.S. Army Pacific, Hawaii, will succeed Major General John H. Michaelis. General Michaelis' assignment to U.S. Army Alaska, effective in August, was announced recently.

General Vittrup, a native of Rockdale, Texas, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1929 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

During World War II he served with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C., and as Chief of the Organization Section, Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa and Italy. In 1944 and 1945 he was assigned as Deputy G-3 (Operations) of the Sixth Army Group in France and Germany.

After World War II, General Vittrup served on the War Department General Staff and later, in 1948, was graduated from the National War College. He was then transferred to the Panama Canal Zone where he served on the staff of U.S. Army Caribbean and later as Commander of the 33rd Infantry Regiment.

In 1952 General Vittrup was appointed Chief, U.S. Army Section, Joint Military Advisory and Planning Group in Greece, and in 1953 returned to Washington, D.C., for duty as the Army's Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Operations for International Affairs.

General Vittrup was assigned as Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, Korea, in October, 1956, where he served until going to his present assignment in July, 1957.

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